## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A composition for promoting synthesis of collagen <u>suitable for external application to skin</u>, comprising, as an effective component represented by:

wherein R is a 3-methyl-2-butenyl group, and further comprising a skin softener.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The composition of for external application to skin of claim 2 claim 1, wherein the compounds represented by the chemical formula are included in the range of 0.000001 wt % to 10 wt % with respect to the entire composition.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (new) A method of promoting synthesis of collagen, by externally applying an effective component to skin, wherein the effective component is represented by:

wherein R is a 3-methy-2-butenyl group.

- 9. (new) The method of claim 8 wherein the effective component represented by the chemical formula is applied in the concentration of 0.00001 wt % to 10 wt %.
- 10. (new) The method of claim 8 wherein the effective component is externally applied to skin in a type selected from the group consisting of powder, gel, ointment, cream, and liquid,
- 11. (new) The method of claim 8 wherein the effective component is externally applied to skin in a type selected from the group consisting of foam, toilet water, cosmetic pack, skin softener, lotion, foundation, makeup base, essence, soap, liquid rinse, a bathing additive, sunscreen cream, sun oil, and spray liquid.

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